GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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INDO-BHUTAN JOINT RIVER COMMISSION
MINATI SEN

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have initiated any dialogue with the Bhutan Government for constitution of an Indo-Bhutan Joint River Commission to protect the North Bengal from floods;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the reaction of the Bhutan Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a), (b) and (c) In order to discuss the matter with the Royal Government of Bhutan relating to the problem of floods created by rivers originating from Bhutan and coming to India, the Ministry of Water Resources has proposed to set up a High Level Technical Committee consisting of members drawn from Ministry of Water Resources, Ministryof External Affairs and the State Governments of West Bengal and Assam. The proposal has been sent to the Ministry of External Affairs to take up the issue with Royal Government of Bhutan through diplomatic channel.